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[PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.]

**SHIPPING.**

**ARRIVALS.**  
February 26, GREYHOUND, British steamer, 227, D. Scott, 24th February, and Macao 26th, General, -ADAMSON, BELL & Co.  
February 27, GLENKYLE, British steamer, 2,230, Parks, Shanghai 24th February, Ballast - JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

February 27, OCEANIC, Spanish bark, 991, Luis de Urdaneta, Manila 11th Feb., Ballast - OROSCO.  
February 27, HASTES, British steamer, 1,196, Grandin, Saigon 22nd February, Rice and Paddy - RUSSELL & Co.  
February 27, OCEANIC, British steamer, 1,803, Metairie, San Francisco 22nd January, and Yokohama 21st February, Mails and General - O. & S. N. Co.  
February 27, NAM-VIAN, British steamer, 472, A. Garcon, Macao 25th February, General - A. J. 22, Macao 25th Feb.  
February 27, GLENKYLE, German steamer, 917, Berlin, Singapore 19th February, General - BUN HIN & Co.

**DEPARTURES.**

February 27, TAIKAI, French steamer, for Yokohama.  
February 27, WILHELM, British 3-m. sch., for Newchwang.  
February 27, ANZEL, British steamer, for Saigon.  
February 27, WALLA BRIDGE, British bark, for Manila.  
February 27, OLYMPIA, German steamer, for Tientsin.

**PASSENGERS.**

Per Greyhound, str., from Macao - 34 Chinese.  
Per Nam-vian, str., from Hongkong - 1 European and 20 Chinese.  
Per OCEANIC, str., from San Francisco, &c. - Mrs. J. Tulley, and 143 Chinese.

**REPORTS.**

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**VESSELS ARRIVED IN HONGKONG FROM POBES**

IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.  
(Per last Mail's Advertis.)

Vessel	From	Arrived
Norden	Japan	Jan. 9
Keppler	Manila	Jan. 10
Ningchow	Shanghai	Jan. 10
Yokohama	Shanghai	Jan. 15
Essex	Shanghai	Jan. 15
Glenfirth	Shanghai	Jan. 15
Tenou	Shanghai	Jan. 21
Acropolis	Shanghai	Jan. 22

**VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.**

(Corrected to Date.)

Vessel	From	Expected
Elizabeth	Liverpool via Cardiff	July 23
Thierville	Newport	Oct. 24
Burnham Wood	Fench	Nov. 1
New City	New York	Nov. 1
Hindostan	Cebu	Nov. 18
H.M.S. Albatross	Plymouth	Nov. 18
J. V. Troop	New York	Nov. 25
Wile	Cardiff	Dec. 8
Yokohama	Shanghai	Dec. 11
Dovermouth	Shanghai	Dec. 13
Rufus B. Wood	Cardiff	Dec. 16
Batum	Glasgow	Dec. 23
Highland	Cardiff	Dec. 29
Nestor	Cardiff	Jan. 5
Mosser	London	Jan. 9
Glenary	London	Jan. 9
Glenamogh	Glasgow via London	Jan. 10
Killarney	London	Jan. 16
Bothwell Castle	Antwerp via London	Jan. 16
Priam	Liverpool	Jan. 16
Henrich	Cardiff	Jan. 19
Glenamogh	Liverpool	Jan. 19
Reporter	Liverpool via Cardiff	Jan. 21

**INSURANCES.**

**FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF 1877.**  
The Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS at Current Rates.  
PUSPAU & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [195]

**NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.**  
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of \$50,000, on first-class risks at current rates.  
MELOCHERS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [10]

**THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
The Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.  
ARNOLD, KÄRBERG & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 15th November, 1883. [207]

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
The Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates.  
GILMAN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [16]

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on first-class goods at 1 per Cent. Net premium per Annum.  
NORTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th May, 1881. [1]

**INTIMATIONS.**

**JUST RECEIVED.**  
**NEW SCARFS AND TIES.**  
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Suitable for the Spring Season.

**NEW FELT HATS.**  
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In Fashionable Shapes and Colours.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**  
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French and English Makes.

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**  
Hongkong, 24th February, 1884. [26]

**W. BEBBER** has just received the following list of Books:  
Brown's Fuel and Water.  
Rankine's Steam Engines, New Ed.  
Further Supply of Whitaker's Almanacs.  
A very Fine Organ by Eskey.  
A Metal Frame Trichord Piano by Wagner, very cheap and guaranteed to stand the Climate.

**CHRISTMAS CAKES.**  
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**BANKS.**

**THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.**  
INCORPORATED IN LONDON ON 18th July, 1884.  
UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1862 TO 1883.  
CAPITAL £2,000,000 IN 200,000 SHARES OF £10 EACH.

**LONDON BANKERS.**  
UNION BANK OF LONDON, LIMITED.  
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LIMITED.

**RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.**  
At 3 Months' Notice, 1 per Cent. per Annum.  
At 6 Months' Notice, 1 per Cent. per Annum.  
At 12 Months' Notice, 1 per Cent. per Annum.  
Current Accounts kept on terms which may be learnt on application.

**CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.**  
H. A. HERBERT.  
Hongkong, 15th September, 1884. [8]

**NOTICE.**  
**ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.**  
ALL HOLDERS OF NOTES OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH) are hereby requested to present them to the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange Certificates of the Value of the Notes deposited.

**THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATORS OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.**  
By their Attorneys  
J. MELVILLE MATSON, H. HOWARD TAYLOR.  
Hongkong, 4th August, 1884. [48]

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAID-UP CAPITAL £7,500,000.  
RESERVE FUND £400,000.  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF 400,000.  
DIVIDENDS £7,500,000.  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO- 7,500,000.  
PHOTODUPLICATIONS.

**COURT OF DIRECTORS.**  
Chairman - A. P. McLEWEN, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman - H. F. S. SAMPSON, Esq.  
H. L. BARNARD, Esq.  
J. H. HOPKINS, Esq.  
W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
H. D. BARNARD, Esq.

**CHIEF MANAGERS.**  
Hongkong - THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai - EVERT CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS - LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

**HONGKONG - INTEREST ALLOWED.**  
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.  
On 3 Months' Deposit at 3 per Cent. per Annum.  
On 6 Months' Deposit at 4 per Cent. per Annum.  
On 12 Months' Deposit at 5 per Cent. per Annum.  
On 18 Months' Deposit at 6 per Cent. per Annum.  
On 24 Months' Deposit at 7 per Cent. per Annum.  
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1. The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 1; on Saturdays, 10 to 1.  
2. Local Bills Discounted.  
3. Deposits granted on approval of Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
4. Despatched on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
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**AUCTIONS.**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction (in One Lot), THIS DAY, the 28th February, 1885, at Noon, on the Premises, (if not previously disposed of by Private Contract).  
THE STOCK-IN-TRADE FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND HAIR DRESSING SALOON OF J. P. MARVAND, in the Basement of the HONGKONG HOTEL.  
Terms of Sale - Cash on the fall of the Hammer.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.  
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